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1. BEGIN SUMMARY. DR. WILHELM LAMPE, FRG REPRESENTATIVE TO SUBJECT MEETING, EXPRESSED HIS AGREEMENT WITH U.S. VIEWS THAT WHILE SOME EXPANSION OF COUNCIL NECESSARY, IT DESIRABLE RETAIN PRESENT DIVISION OF MEMBERSHIP INTO 3 CATEGORIES. FRG WILLING TO GO UP TO TOTAL MEMBERSHIP OF 24, BUT PREFERS 21. LAMPE WOULD LIKE TO SEE GEOGRAPHICAL BASIS OF CATEGORY C RE-ORIENTED TO SHIPPING-ORIENTED AREAS. LAMPE BELIEVES IT WILL NOT BE POSSIBLE PREVENT OPEN-ENDED MEMBERSHIP OF MSC. HE AGREES ON NEED TO UNANIMITY OR NEAR-UNANIMITY AND HOPES FOR SUCCESSFUL CONCLUSION OF WORKING GROUP MEETING IN THIS REGARD. END SUMMARY.

2. AS INSTRUCTED REFTEL, CONSULATE OFFICER CALLED ON MINISTRY OF TRANSPORTATION, OCEAN SHIPPING DIVISION, ON JANUARY 31, 1974, AND DISCUSSED SUBJECT MATTER WITH DR. WILHELM LAMPE, MINISTRY OFFICIAL WHO WILL REPRESENT FRG AT WORKING GROUP MEETING IN LONDON. FOLLOWING COMMENTS OF LAMPE
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ARE KEYED TO APPROPRIATE PARAGRAPH REFTEL.

3. PARA 4 -- LAMPE FULLY SHARES U.S. VIEWS CONTAINED THIS PARAGRAPH.

4. PARA 5 -- COUNCIL EXPANSION - IF ENLARGEMENT TO BE UNDERTAKEN, FRG FAVORS DUTCH PROPOSAL TO EXPAND MEMBERSHIP TO 21, I.E., EXPAND CATEGORY : MEMBERSHIP FROM 6 TO 9. IF PRESSURE FROM LDC'S FOR LARGER EXPANSION TOO HEAVY, FRG COULD GO ALONG WITH EXPANSION UP TO MEMBERSHIP OF 24. THIS WOULD MEAN 12 MEMBERS FROM CATEGORY C, WHICH WOULD TEND BALANCE PRESENT MEMBERS FROM CATEGORIES A AND B. HOWEVER, LAMPE HOPES THAT IN SUCH EXPANSION, NOT ONLY LDC'S WOULD BE REPRESENTED, BUT ALSO SMALLER SHIPPING COUNTRIES, E.G., POLAND, YUGOSLAVIA.

5. CONCERNING COMPOSITION OF GROUP C, LAMPE WOULD LIKE PROPOSE THAT DESIRED REGIONAL BALANCE BE BASED ON SHIPPING-ORIENTED AREAS RATHER THAN CONTINENTAL GROUPINGS. HE CONSIDERS THIS MORE APPROPRIATE GROUPING OF COMMON INTERESTS AS FAR AS SHIPPING CONCERNED. SUCH GROUPINGS WOULD BE NORTH ATLANTIC, SOUTH ATLANTIC, PACIFIC, INDIAN OCEAN AND MEDITERRANEAN. IN MEDITERRANEAN, FOR EXAMPLE, COUNTRIES FROM 3 CONTINENTS (EUROPE, AFRICA AND ASIA) WOULD BE INVOLVED. THUS, ONE ARAB NORTH AFRICAN COUNTRY AND ONE OF SMALLER LITTORAL STATES SUCH AS SPAIN OR YUGOSLAVIA COULD BE CHOSEN. LAMPE EMPHASIZED THAT THESE ARE ONLY IDEAS HE HAS WHICH HE WOULD LIKE TO PROPOSE FOR DISCUSSION AND NOT A SET POSITION.

6. PARA 6 -- MSC - FRG WILLING TO ACCEPT DUTCH PROPOSAL TO MAKE MSC MEMBERSHIP OPEN-ENDED. ALTHOUGH LAMPE WOULD PREFER TO KEEP MEMBERSHIP TO REASONABLE NUMBER, HE THINKS THAT IN LIGHT OF PREVIOUS ASSEMBLY ATMOSPHERE AND FACT THAT MEMBERSHIP ON MEPC, WHOSE IMPORTANCE WAS STRESSED BY EVERYONE, WAS MADE OPEN-ENDED, THAT IT WILL NOT BE POSSIBLE RESIST PRESSURE TO OPEN UP MEMBERSHIP MSC. LAMPE BELIEVES SUCH PRESSURE WILL EXIST, BUT HOPES THAT ONLY IMMEDIATELY INTERESTED STATES WILL PARTICIPATE IN WORK OF MSC AND THUS ACTUAL SIZE OF MSC*WILL NOT BE UNDULY EXPANDED.

7. PARA 7 - LAMPE AGREES WITH US VIEWS. HE BELIEVES THAT LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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RECOMMENDATION SHOULD BE WELL-PREPARED AND SHOULD TRY FOR UNANIMITY. HOW SUCCESSFUL THIS EFFORT WILL BE WILL DEPEND, IN HIS VIEW, ON HOW REASONABLE LDC'S ARE PREPARED TO BE. BROGAN

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